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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Denis PENNINCKX, Gabriel CHARLET, Ludovic NOIRIE
METHOD OF ASSIGNING CARRIER FREQUENCIES IN AN OPTICAL
TRANSMISSION NETWORK
Assignee: ALCATEL
Our Ref. Q80066

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 16 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and 3 sheets of drawings. A copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment is submitted, along with an Information Disclosure Statement.

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE
CALCULATING THE FEE**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>8</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
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TOTAL FEE									\$770.00
Assignment Recordation Fee									\$40.00
TOTAL FILING FEE									\$810.00

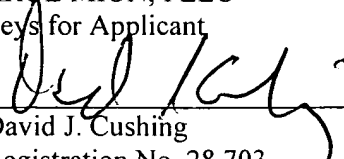
Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
France	0302444	February 28, 2003

The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
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